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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patent

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 10, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed with a Petition for extension of time for three months.

Applicants submit herewith a Preliminary Amendment, which accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 for the above identified application. This Preliminary Amendment is concurrently filed with an Information Disclosure Statement with additional references in support of the Applicants' arguments, and with the submission of a new Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 by Dr. Paul Polakis with Exhibits A and B. Entry of these documents and consideration of the following arguments is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.